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WISH OFFER STRONGEST PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF IMPORTANCE
CHICAGO SYMPHONY PERFORMANCES IN MILAN. THREE-CONCERT
SERIES WILL REPRESENT ONLY HIGH-IMPACT U.S. CONTRIBUTION
TO LA SCALA'S YEAR-LONG BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS AND
WOULD APPROPRIATELY ACKNOWLEDGE LA SCALA'S PARTICIPATION
IN U.S. BICENTENNIAL FESTIVITIES. CULTURAL PROGRAM OF
OUTSTANDING QUALITY, HIGH VISIBILITY WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT
EFFECT IN CITY WHICH LAST YEAR HOSTED A MAJOR ARTS FESTIVAL
FROM LENINGRAD.

THE LAST MAJOR US ORCHESTRA (LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC IN ROME,
NOVEMBER 1976) DEMONSTRATED IMPACT ON ITALIAN CULTURAL CIRCLES
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WHICH US ORCHESTRAS CAN GENERATE. VIEW PRESTIGE OF LA SCALA,
IMPORTANCE OF HISTORICAL-CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN ITALY AND U.S.,
AND ANTICIPATED IMPACT, MOST STRONGLY URGE YOU ASSIST CHICAGO
SYMPHONY IN MILAN. BEST REGARDS. RICHARD N. GARDNER, AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR.

GARDNER

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